

L.G.F.C. - BULLETIN

Lesbian & Gay Friends of Concordia is more than a dance committee. We are a Voice: an active collective of gays and lesbians who would like to encourage the homosexual community of Montreal to come up from the underground and out on the streets, where we might all walk freely and be openly gay.

The complacency of the gay community in Montreal is distressingly apparent and we feel it is time to recognize what is really going on: blatant homophobia is resurfacing; incidents of gay-bashing have increased dramatically; we hear gays talking about the fear of losing their jobs if their homosexuality is disclosed; students afraid to come out of the closet and students afraid their professors will fail them if they openly admit being gay...pseudonyms are used frequently when gays want to "speak out"...gay professors who feel their positions are at risk if they are openly gay...It is endless, it's happening, it's increasing and yes: it is oppressive.

One doesn't have to be violently radical to combat oppression. What we at LGFC want to do is inform and enlighten, and be visible; but we do need your support. You have to recognize that the underground community is damaging the freedom and rights of gays by virtue of its silence, and the willingness to deny being gay to the straight world in order to avoid conflict is dangerously regressive.

This is not what was fought so hard for during the '60's & '70's.

To support LGFC, all you have to do is participate. (Our events are for you!) Talk to us. Tell us what you want to see change. Tell us how you think we all might be most effective. Tell us what you want. But tell us. The voice of gay women & men shouldn't be a whisper, and we shouldn't have to scream. The union of our voices together is loud enough for everyone to hear. We need to talk together and support each other, because our collective needs are really one in the same: Freedom...freedom to be openly gay without fear of reprisal or rejection. Collectively, we can have this. One Voice. One Goal.